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INDO-FRANCE AGREEMENT ON RADAR AND SUBMARINE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and France have jointly reached an agreement on the production of radar and submarine and other defence areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a high powered committee has been constituted to look into the various aspects of production of defence related items;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which such joint projects are likely to strengthen our defence requirements?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAMRAJU)

(a) to (e): A High Committee for defence cooperation exists between India and France. The Committee was established in 1998 primarily to give impetus to development of bilateral defence relations and identify specific areas of cooperation between the Armed Forces and Production and Research Organisations. In its 4th meeting at New Delhi on 27-28 June, 2001, discussions were held on construction of submarines, collaborative research on radars and other defence areas. No agreement or contract has, however, been signed.